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*Via e-mail

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) is enclosed for your consideration. It was prepared for the proposed Harvey Creek Enhancement Project. The project includes channel renaturalization, revegetation of the riparian area and the placement of habitat improvement structures. The project will improve riparian conditions, reduce sediment inputs and improve the channel aesthetics. This project will improve spawning, rearing and overwintering adult habitat and increase bull trout and westslope cutthroat recruitment from the Clark Fork River.

This EA is available for review at FWP's Helena Headquarters, the State Library and Environmental Council in Helena. Comments will be accepted until 5 P.M., October 31, 2002. If you have questions, feel free to contact Eric Reiland at 406-542-5520. All comments should be sent to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Attn: Eric Reiland, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula, MT 59804-3099. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Mack Long
Supervisor Region 2

Harvey Creek EA Checklist for the Harvey Creek Spawning Channel Project

PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of Proposed State Action: Channel Reconstruction/Bank Stabilization/Fish Habitat Restoration

2. Agency Authority for the Proposed Action: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

3. Name of Project: Harvey Creek Spawning Channel Project

4. Name, Address and Phone Number of Project Sponsor (if other than the agency):
Eric Reiland, MFWP, 3201 Spurgin Rd., Missoula, MT. 59804
(406-542-5520)

5. If Applicable:

Estimated Construction/Commencement Date: November 1, 2002

Estimated Completion Date: April 15, 2003

Current Status of Project Design (% complete): 30%

6. Location Affected by Proposed Action (county, township, range and sections)
Granite County, T11N, R14W, Sec.16 SW1/4

7. Project Size: Estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

(a) Developed:
residential...0 acres
industrial....0 acres

(b) Open Space/Woodlands/
Recreation....0 acres

(c) Wetlands/Riparian
Areas.....2 acres

(d) Flood plain...2 acres

(e) Productive:
irrigated cropland...0 acres
dry cropland.....0 acres
forestry.....0 acres
rangeland.....0 acres
other.....0 acres

8. Map/site plan: enclosed

9. Narrative Summary of the Proposed Action or Project including the Benefits and Purpose of the Proposed Action.